



2020 Congressional Art Competition

*For students grades 9 through 12
in the Northern Mariana Islands.*

General Guidelines:

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each artwork can be no larger than 26 inches long, 26 inches wide, 4 inches deep and weigh no more than 15 pounds, including frame.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be **original** in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

Suitability Guidelines:

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to the Capitol.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or

gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Student Information and Release Form:

Each entry must submit a Student Information and Release Form. The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible.

Students should be sure to list their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses. Students should also include contact information that will be valid for several years. The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, "self-portrait" or "a picture of two people" would be unacceptable, due to the large number of works that would fit that description. The following is an example of an acceptable description: "A painting of two people; the person on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the person on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet."

The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.

A typed copy of the Student Information and Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, must be securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.

Selection of Winner:

The Northern Mariana Islands winner will be selected by a panel of local judges and notified on May 7, 2020.

Submissions are due by 5:00PM, Friday, April 24, 2020.

Entries should be delivered or mailed to your Congressional Office on Saipan, Rota or Tinian, open Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.

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